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City of Salisbury & Salisbury Fire Department Fact Sheet

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Scope of Media Briefing: Thermal Imaging Cameras

- 1) Prior to March 7, 2008, each major fire company of the Salisbury Fire Department, had access to thermal imaging cameras for fire utilization, as needed.
- 2) Five thermal imaging cameras were available for use by the Salisbury Fire Department prior to March 7, 2008.
- 3) Each Quint company housed a camera on their respective truck.
- 4) Thermal Imaging Cameras were utilized on-site at the Salisbury Millwork Fire.
- 5) Quint 4, the company to which Victor Isler and Justin Monroe belonged, had a thermal imaging camera which was utilized by their Captain, Rick Barkley, on March 7, 2008 at the Salisbury Millwork Fire site.
- 6) The camera was utilized by Captain Barkley in the area in which the fallen firefighters were located.
- 7) The camera was utilized by Captain Barkley to assist in observing and evaluating fire conditions.
- 8) Justin Monroe and Victor Isler were not utilizing thermal imaging cameras.
- 9) Three thermal imaging cameras were destroyed at the Millwork Fire on March 7, 2008. (Salisbury FD lost 2 cameras, Locke FD lost 1 camera)
- 10) All three cameras that were destroyed at the Millwork fire were utilized in the building.
- 11) The Salisbury Fire Department has received the generous donation of a thermal imaging camera by Firehouse Subs. Funds to purchase an additional thermal imaging camera are included in the proposed 2008-2009 City of Salisbury Budget. This process will replace both City of Salisbury cameras which were destroyed.
- 12) The Salisbury Fire Department has consistently utilized thermal imaging cameras to assist in locating and rescuing victims during fire conditions.